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[Despatch Abstract.]

Hot weather programme - South Kanara district - recorded.

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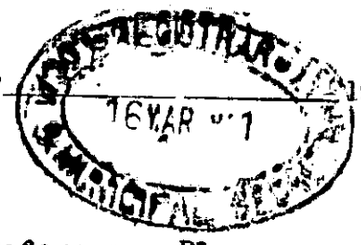

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Reference—Plague precautionary measures—Hot weather programme—Report Submitted.

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L. Dis. No 1132/21/E/5.

Station Mangalore, *dated the* 23th February 1921. 19

From (Name) R. H. Ellis, Esq., I.C.S.,

(Designation) Collector of South Kanara.

To The Secretary to Government,

Local & Municipal Department, Madras.
Through the Sanitary Commissioner, Madras.

Sir,

The following report on the plan of operations for the hot weather is submitted as required by para 3 of (X) G. O. No. 1076 P. dated 5th October 1905.

2. This District was free from plague infection during the major portion of last year. The town of Mangalore which was infected with plague for a long time was declared free from plague in (T) G. O. No. 15 P. Mis. dated 10th February 1920 and continued to be free from infection till about September last. All preventive measures were however taken throughout the year and systematic rat destruction was carried on on a large scale. In spite of these efforts there was a recrudescence of plague and —

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and the place was declared plague infected at the beginning of October last. Though the number of attacks and deaths till now is not very large (there have been altogether 15 attacks and 13 deaths) all necessary measures have been taken to prevent the spread of the disease. With regard to rat destruction it may be stated here that the full batch of rat coolies, generally employed during the hot season only, were employed throughout the whole of last year and a system of rewards also was sanctioned for rats trapped over a certain minimum. There are now 20 rat coolies working in the town and these are quite sufficient for work during the hot season. The District Medical and Sanitary Officer proposes trying baiting on an extensive scale during the hot season. A copy of his report on the proposed Plan of operations is herewith enclosed. I have also requested him to see that rigorous and systematic rat trapping is carried on in all the infected localities in the town. page 3 infra

In Tannirbhavi village, which is adjoining Mangalore, there have been 8 attacks and 6 deaths since September last. With the sanction of Government one cooly has been employed there for rat destruction. But all the rats trapped so far have been found to be free from plague infection. This makes it highly doubtful whether the plague cases that occurred there were indigenous ones or imported from Mangalore to which place the majority of the people of the village daily go. There have been no plague cases there since 14th January 1921 and it is not necessary that any special step should be taken during the ensuing hot season.

D. H. Rambar
8.3.21

For Collector.

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Copy of a letter Dis. No.53/21 dated 25th February 1921 from the District Medical & Sanitary Officer, South Kanara, addressed to the Collector of South Kanara.

With reference to your letter No. 1132--21--E--5 dated the 22nd February 1921, I have the honour to state that rat trapping has been carried on throughout the period of cessation of plague by the employment of additional coolies. We have now 20 coolies working with 127 traps. I do not know if there is any special advantage in employing a few more coolies in -- which case new traps will have to be purchased. I propose -- trying baiting on an extensive scale during the months of March, April and May and have asked the advice of the Sanitary -- Commissioner as to what effective baiting he would suggest. I have found Barium Carbonate which was extolled as a good -- drug for rat baiting of little or no value in this town. Persuasion is being adopted for evacuation of houses in the --- infected localities. The fisher folks in Hoige Bazaar --- which is now infected have been persuaded to shift to sandspit.

I do not think any further steps are necessary -- as the infection does not appear to be of a severe type.

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For Collector. 2/3

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No. 628/S. dated 14. 3. 42

To

The Secretary to the Government of Madras,

Local and Municipal Department.

Sir,

I have the honour to be,

Your most obedient servant,

Major-General, I.M.S.,
Surgeon-General with the Government of
Madras (Military).

S.V.R./10-3.Lxd.

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READ ALSO:—

C. No. 576, From the Collr of S. Kanara, No. 1182/21 C.5, dated 28. 2. 1921 .

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